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SUBJECT

Information regarding the practice of Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of medicines in the States.

Sl. 4 To. The Chairman of the Committee on the Indigenous Systems of medicine in India

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Forwards two Statements furnishing the information required by the Chairman, re Ayurvedic & Unani Institutions

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2 To Dcg
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Requests to forward the lists called for in Consultation of the Dy Comm if necessary.

3 Letter No 9.C146-13 dated the 9th Sept 1922 from the Senior Surgeon in reply furnishing the information called for in 8C/

Draft forwarding the information to the Chairmen of the Committee on the indigenous systems of Medicines Madras at whose instance it was called for. is submitted

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OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE,
291, LINGA CHETTI STREET, GEORGETOWN,

Madras 21st November 1921.

From

KHAN BAHADUR MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB BAHADUR, B.A., M.B.E.,
Chairman of the Committee on the Indigenous Systems of Medicine,
Madras.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, Bangalore.

SIR,

I have the honour to state that, under G.O. No. 1351, P.H. (Press), dated 17th October 1921, the Government of Madras have appointed a committee "to report on the recognition and encouragement of the indigenous systems of medicine in vogue in this Presidency. The object of the proposed inquiry is to afford the exponents of Ayurvedic and Unani systems an opportunity to state their case fully in writing for scientific criticism and to justify State encouragement of these systems." It is also proposed to examine witnesses, where necessary, on their written evidence. It is further proposed to obtain the evidence of reputed practitioners of the indigenous systems, practising outside the Presidency of Madras, and to gather a first-hand knowledge of the actual working of the institutions of the indigenous systems by visiting a few of them—such institutions, for example, as dispensaries, hospitals, schools, colleges, museums, libraries, botanical gardens and the like, which are connected directly or indirectly, with the provision of Medical Relief or Medical Education on the basis of the indigenous systems of medicine. I shall feel greatly obliged if you will kindly communicate with those officers of your Government, whom the subject of the present inquiry may concern, to be so good as to furnish the Secretary to the Committee on the Indigenous Systems of Medicine (No. 291, Linga Chetti Street, Georgetown, Madras) with two lists, prepared as under:—

LIST A.—List of reputed Ayurvedic and Unani institutions, arranged under the following heads:—

(1) Institutions for the treatment of out-door patients only.
(2) Institutions for the treatment of both in-door and out-door patients.
(3) Teaching institutions.
(4) Institutions for special diseases like consumption, Leprosy, Diabetes, etc.
(5) Other institutions connected, directly or indirectly, with the promotion of Medical Education or Medical Relief, e.g., Botanical Gardens, Pharmaceutical Houses, Libraries, Museums and the like.

LIST B.—List of reputed practitioners following, or proficient in, the Ayurvedic or Unani systems of Medicine, a special note being made of those who are trained in the western system as well.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

MUHAMMAD USMAN,
Chairman of the Committee on Indigenous Systems of Medicine.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE INDIGENOUS SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE, MADRAS.

QUESTIONNAIRE TO WITNESSES.

A Preliminary note.

On the 21st February 1921, the Madras Legislative Council passed a resolution recommending to the Government to take early steps to encourage the indigenous systems of medicine. Under G.O. No. 1351 P.H., Press, dated 17th October 1921, the Government have appointed a committee to report on the question of the recognition and encouragement of indigenous systems of medicine in vogue in this Presidency. The committee so appointed desire to have the views of all persons interested in this question, and are sending round the following questionnaire to various individuals and associations, both within and without the Presidency of Madras. As, under the terms of their reference, the committee are required to subject the evidence gathered to scientific criticism, witnesses are requested to support their arguments, wherever necessary or desirable, by proofs or testimony acceptable to modern science, such, for example, as the evidence of directly demonstrable or observable facts, or of facts indirectly inferable, by logical methods of the nature of Induction and Deduction, known to modern science, or by showing that a proposition has the hypothetical certainty of a coherent system of assumptions or the practical or pragmatic certainty of a hypothesis that works best. Witnesses are also requested to note that the authority of Revealations or venerated texts or uncriticisable tradition, however high its evidential value may be in other matters, are not accepted by modern science as valid testimony, unless it is also capable of being proved by one or other of the methods already indicated. If there are any persons or associations who may wish to favour the committee with their views but are not in receipt of the questionnaire, they are requested to apply, for copies of questionnaire, to the Secretary to the Committee on the Indigenous systems of Medicine, Post Box 262, Madras. After perusal of the replies of witnesses, a certain number of them will be requested, where necessary, to appear before the committee for oral examination. It is earnestly requested that replies to the questionnaire may be sent in as early as possible (not exceeding a month from the date of receipt of the questionnaire) in order that the committee may be able to report on the question without any avoidable delay. If witnesses desire to state their views on any point relevant to the present inquiry, which is not covered by the following questionnaire, it is requested that the committee may be favoured with such views in a supplementary note.

Replies and all communications are to be addressed to

The Secretary to the Committee on the
Indigenous systems of Medicine,
Post Box 262,
Madras.

QUESTIONS TO WITNESSES.

1. What is the division or divisions of the indigenous systems of medicine—Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, [redacted] that you propose to deal with?

2. (*a*) What are the theory or theories of causation of disease according to your system?

Please favour the committee with your views as to how far your theory or theories stand the tests of modern scientific criticism?

(*b*) What are the principles and methods of Diagnosis and Treatment followed in your system?

Please favour the committee with your views as to the general efficacy of treatment adopted in your system, supporting your statements by facts and figures wherever possible.

(*c*) Do you hold the view that indigenous systems of treatment are more efficacious in certain conditions than other systems? If you do, please adduce evidence in support of your statement.

3. (*a*) Are you connected directly with any institution, providing medical relief or medical education, on indigenous lines?

(*b*) Do you consider that the existing institutions of indigenous systems are satisfactory from the standpoint of

(1) adequacy of medical relief provided;
(2) suitability as centres of medical education.

If your answer is in the negative, please state in what respects you consider the existing arrangements deficient and how you propose to remedy them.

(*c*) Do you consider that there exists at present sufficient provision for medical relief and medical education on indigenous lines? If your answer is in the negative, please state what measures you would propose to remedy the insufficiency?

4. (*a*) Do you consider that the ideal medical training of indigenous systems of medicine requires

(1) that the students should be placed under the personal guidance of teachers of first rate ability and of recognised standing in their subjects;

(2) that the teachers and students alike should have access to well-appointed hospitals, laboratories, libraries and museums;

(3) that the teachers should have sufficient leisure to be able to pursue independent investigations in their own subjects?

If you share this view as to the essentials of medical training, do you consider that this ideal is attained or attainable in the near future in any institution in this Presidency or elsewhere, where there is provision for medical training on indigenous lines?

(*b*) If you consider that this ideal is too high for the present, what would you substitute in its stead, as

(1) the ideal to be ultimately achieved
(2) the idea to be worked out in the immediate present.

5. Do you agree with the view of the Calcutta University Commission that "There is an obvious and promising desire at the present moment among the numerous adherents of these (indigenous) systems for closer touch with modern scientific methods. In time, no doubt they will be able to make available for the practitioners of western medicine the traditional knowledge which is of real value and will reject, as western medicine continually rejects, those theories which are mere survivals, and cannot stand the test of experiments. The distinction between Indian and western 'systems' of medicine will then disappear."

If you agree that a unified system of medicine as indicated in the above passage is the ideal to be aimed at, what steps would you suggest for the fulfillment of such an ideal?

6. Do you agree with the view that the curriculum of studies of indigenous medicine should include a study of modern scientific methods as illustrated by such subjects of study as modern physics, chemistry, and biology, as also a study on modern lines of anatomy, physiology, pathology, bacteriology, and surgery in all its branches?

If you agree with the above view, in whole or in part, please favour the committee with a precis of the course of studies you would propose for students of indigenous medicine, with special reference to

(*a*) the progressive standards you would propose, that is to say, standards corresponding, for example, to the existing allopathic qualifications of Licentiate (L.M.P. of our allopathic Medical Schools), Graduate, Masterate and Doctorate (L.M.S., M.B., M.S., M.D., of our Universities).

(*b*) The preliminary qualifications and periods of study for each of the standards proposed.

(*c*) The medium or media of instruction proposed.

7. What are your views on the question of extending Medical Registration to Indigenous Systems of Medicine? If you hold that such extension is necessary or desirable, please favour the committee with your views regarding

(*a*) the formation of a suitable Registration Board for admitting competent practitioners into the medical register,

(*b*) any changes in, or additions to, the existing legislation on Medical Registration.

8. What is your opinion regarding the comparative cost of treatment, according to allopathic and indigenous systems? Please give reasons for your opinion.

9. What, in your opinion, are the causes of decay of the indigenous systems of medicine? Kindly favour the committee with your suggestions for revival?

10. Please state your views as to how the indigenous systems of medicine can be fostered and promoted by

(*a*) the State,
(*b*) the local boards,
(*c*) the Universities,
(*d*) Private agencies (individuals or associations).

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Signed by Mr. V.C. Subbaraya Pai

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To

The D/I/S Secretariat

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a Copy of letter, dated the 21st Nov 21, from the Chairman of the Committee on Indigenous System of Medicine Madras and to request you to be so good as to forward the lists called for therein in Consultation with the Dy Collectors of districts, if necessary.

I have the

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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SURGEON
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Dated Bangalore, the 9th Sept *1922*.

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FROM

The Senior Surgeon with the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
BANGALORE.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No:L.3251, dated, 5-12-21, and subsequent reminders, I have the honour to state that communications embodying the terms of the letter of the 21st November 1921, from the Chairman of the Committee enquiring into the Indigenous Systems of Medicine, Madras, were forwarded to the Deputy Commissioners of Districts and Presidents of Bangalore and Mysore Municipalities and they were requested to furnish lists of A. & B. giving the required particulars.

The accompanying statement includes the information furnished by those officers. In the absence of any specified standard for determining whether a particular institution or practitioner could be included in the "reputed" class, many officers have evidently reported the names of all accredited institutions and practitioners, so that, the information cannot probably be of much value.

The Committee had sent to this office a number of copies of a set of questions which were required to be answered by practitioners of the indigenous systems (copy enclosed). Copies of these have also been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner of Districts for distribution among such of the Vaidyans and Hakims

Hakims in their Districts as would, in their opinion, give intelligent and useful answers and to arrange for the direct despatch of such answers to the Secretary of the Committee. The Answers furnished by the marginally noted practitioners in the Bangalore & Mysore cities were sent to the committee with this office letter of the 9th June 22 and their receipt has been acknowledged. It is disappointing to have to report that Mr.S. Venkoba Rao, Retired Apothecary and Head Master. Ayurvedic College, who was the only officer possessing a knowledge of both English and Ayurvedic Medicine, merely contented himself by saying that in his experience the two systems of treatment were giving as good results as Allopothy and deserved to be fostered and expressed his inability to furnish answers to any of the other questions.

1. Mr. A. Subbarayapandit, Hd. Master, Ayurvedic College, Mysore.
2. Mr. V.D. Pandit of Chickpet, Bangalore City.
3. The Senior Hakim (Unani section) Indigenous Hospital, Mysore.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SSR/SRA.

S. Shiva Rao

For SENIOR SURGEON.

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Signed by for S.E.S.

To The Chairman of the
Committee on the Indigenous
Systems of Medicine,
291 Lingachetty Street, G.T. Madras.

Sir,

With reference
to Your letter dated the
21st November 1921
requesting the favour
with certain infor-
regarding the Ayur-
and Unani Systems
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